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Legislation Committee  
May 13, 2011  
**Minutes**

Vice Chair Liccardo called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. Committee members in attendance: Commissioners Azumbrado, Green, Halsted, Mackenzie, Mullin and Spering. Commissioners Rein Worth and Tissier attended as ex-officio voting members. Also in attendance as ad hoc Committee members: Commissioners Bates, Cortese, Dodd, Haggerty, Kinsey, Sartipi and Wiener.

The **Minutes** of the April 8, 2011 meeting were approved after a motion by Commissioner Mackenzie and a second by Commissioner Green.

**Legislative History**

The Committee received the report from Rebecca Long of MTC staff.

**FY 2011-12 State Budget**

The Committee received the report from Ms. Long.

**AB 1086 (Wiecowski)**

AB 1086 would grant Alameda County a one-time exception to the two percent cap on local sales taxes for the purpose of allowing the Alameda County Transportation Commission the option to seek voter approval for a 0.5 to one percent transportation sales tax on the November 2012 ballot.

Commissioner Green moved approval to support AB 1086 (Wiecowski). Commissioner Spering seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to Commission for approval.

**AB 345 (Atkins)**

AB 345 would require Caltrans to 1) consult with groups representing the users of streets, roads and highways, prior to adopting rules and regulations for the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices; and 2) ensure that an advisory committee organized for the purpose of such consultation includes representatives of non-motorized users.

Commissioner Green moved approval to support AB 345 (Atkins). Commissioner Halsted seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to Commission for approval.

**AB 710 (Skinner)**

AB 710 would reduce the amount of parking that is required for new or expanded housing and commercial/retail development near transit. Commissioner Azumbrado said the bill requirements should be based on the actual number of vehicles owned per unit based on existing use and demand today. Commissioner Green asked if the requirements included visitor parking. Ms. Long said yes. Commissioner Mackenzie asked why the City of Concord

opposed the bill. Ms. Long said Concord took a position on the bill before it was amended. Commissioner Bates noted that the market will eventually drive the provision of parking.

Commissioner Halsted moved to support AB 710 (Skinner). Commissioner Mullin seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to Commission for approval.

**AB 892 (Carter)**

AB 892 would extend state authorization for the California Department of Transportation to assume responsibility for approving environmental documents required by the National Environmental Policy Act until 2019.

Commissioner Green moved to support AB 892 (Carter). Commissioner Mackenzie seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to Commission for approval.

**AB 427 (Pérez)**

AB 427 is a technical clean-up bill that would improve the timely expenditure of Transit Security funds funded by Proposition 1B funds.

Commissioner Green moved to support AB 427 (Pérez). Commissioner Mullin seconded the motion and it was unanimously moved to Commission for approval.

**FY 2011 Federal Appropriations**

The Committee received the report from Ms. Long. Commissioner Tissier asked if the San Francisco intermodal project referred to the Transbay Terminal. Ms. Long said she had been unable to confirm this, but that it was likely to be the Transbay Terminal project. Commissioner Liccardo asked if the list of rescinded or at risk projects was final. Ms. Long noted that the list is confirmed on the highway side, but the transit list has not been confirmed by the FTA. Commissioner Rein Worth asked if the East Bay Regional Park District's Greenways project was safe. Ms. Long said yes.

**H.R. 1123 (Richardson)**

H.R. 1123, the TIFIA Expansion Act of 2011, would increase annual funding authorized for the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program from \$122 million to \$375 million per year through 2015 and raise the share of a project's funding that TIFIA could comprise from 33 percent to 49 percent. Commissioner Green recommended that self-help counties in the Bay Area support H.R. 1123.

Commissioner Green moved to support H.R. 1123 (Richardson) and Commissioner Sperling seconded the motion, which was unanimously moved to Commission for approval.

**Tom Bulger's Report**

The Committee received the monthly report from Mr. Bulger as presented by Ms. Long. Commissioner Liccardo asked if the U.S. Chamber of Commerce actually supports a gas tax increase. Ms. Long said the Chamber supports a gas tax increase contingent on reform to the transportation program.

**Other Business/Public Comment/Adjourn**

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.